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ON THE FRONTLINES OF ECOLOGICAL RESISTANCE

FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE TARGETED BY EARTH FIRST! IN THREE POST-RENDEZVOUS ACTIONS

by Buzz

On July 7, Earth First!ers concluded their annual week-long Round River Rendezvous in Vermont with three actions against extreme energy extraction and transport. The actions included two separate lockdowns on fracked oil infrastructure, and a boat flotilla followed by a rally and symbolic blockade against oil trains. The day was full of solemn remembrance for those already lost, as well as celebration of movements standing up against fossil fuel infrastructure.

TWAC activists blockade a truck carrying fracked gas.

The actions funneled the energy and skills gained over the Rendezvous' week of workshops and discussions that took place in Goshen, Vermont, on occupied Abenaki territory. The day was also organized as part of a week of actions across North America commemorating the second anniversary of the Lac-Mégantic disaster, which killed 47 people when a train carrying oil exploded in the Quebec town.

In Addison County, Vermont, over forty organizers with Trans and/or Women's Action Camp (TWAC) blocked a truck carrying fracked gas to the International Paper mill. One activist, Damian Gabriel, locked their body to the bumper of the truck, while many others gathered in front as a soft blockade. The truck's bumper had to be removed to end the lockdown. A separate TWAC contingent dropped a banner from the Champlain bridge that read: "Not by truck, rail, or pipeline. EF! TWAC." The protest closed one lane of Vermont 17 at the foot of the Champlain Bridge for about two hours.

TWAC spokeswoman Emma McCumber said that the action aimed to raise awareness of "extreme energy

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News From the Eco-Wars

Late Mar—Colombia: Indigenous Nasa Clash with Police and Paramilitaries for Liberation of Mother Earth

Indigenous Nasa members were sowing seeds on their territory when riot police attacked, firing gas and stun grenades. The planters defended themselves with catapults and slingshots. The Nasa peoples have been seeking the liberation of Mother Earth and the territory of the hacienda for years, regularly occupying fields and buildings and blocking roads to their land.

Mar 31—Israel: Activists Rescue Hundreds of Chicks from Hatchery

A large group forced their way into an egg industry hatchery in Ramat Hakovesh and rescued approximately 200 young chickens. The activists interrupted the process of separating newly hatched male from female chicks, and the killing of male chicks in a grinding machine. Fourteen activists were detained for refusing to leave and on suspicion of causing damage.

Apr 2—Canada: Heiltsuk Celebrate as Fishing Boats Forced to Leave Traditional Waters

The victory came after a Heiltsuk chief councillor and several others locked down in the DFO office on Denny Island in British Columbia to protest the controversial re-opening of a herring fishery that proceeded despite fierce First Nation opposition. Last year, leaked emails revealed that government scientists had recommended that the fishery remain closed.

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Apr 3—A Day After Arrests, Mauna Kea Telescope Protests Grows in HI

Thirty-one people were arrested for blocking construction, disobeying police orders, and trespassing in protest of construction of a proposed $1.4 billion telescope on Mauna Kea.

Apr 6—China: Guangdong Villagers Smash Police Station over Incinerator

The action was in response to police violence earlier in the month, when more than a hundred people demonstrated against the construction of an incinerator proposed by a private concrete plant. They had blocked a major road near the plant and demanded the project's immediate termination. When the police arrived with tear gas and pepper spray, violent clashes erupted, ending in casualties and dozens of arrests. In spite of the brutal state crackdown, tens of thousands of villagers armed with iron bars returned to the streets on April 6 and descended on the police station, annihilating property and smashing squad cars while police officers stood in formation and watched.

Apr 7—Chile: Incendiary Attack Against Construction Site of Santiago Metro

An anonymous statement read: "We claim responsibility for the incendiary attack against the construction site of the future line 6 of the Santiago Metro, on April 7th, we attacked this representative of social technological progress with an incendiary device of chemical activation. The harmful consequences of the techno-industrial expansion will not be tolerated without the necessary response, we walk keeping a close watch on your warehouses, supermarkets, areas of urban expansion, the degradation of wild nature in its most extensive forms; we attack and will continue to attack in the fields and your cities, we will defend tooth and claw what remains to be defended and ourselves. Against civilisation! For the defense of all that we've been losing! Capybara Group FAI-FRI."

Apr 7—Chile: Attack Against Meat Company

Anarchists affiliated with the FAI/IRF targeted the administrative offices of Rio Bueno Meat Company, using an incendiary device with a delay mechanism that damaged part of the building. An anonymous statement declared: "We can not remain quiet on confinement, isolation and death of hundreds of animals. Our struggle is anti-speciesist because it is primarily an anti-authoritarian struggle, for human, earth and animal liberation."

Apr 10—Australia: Thousands Rally in Support of Remote Aboriginal Communities

A rally in Melbourne against the forced closure of remote Aboriginal communities brought parts of the Central Business District to a standstill and caused major delays to public transport. Organizers asked "left political" groups not to use the protest to "promote their wares or ask for money." The previous month, Tony Abbot backed the West Australian Government's plans to close nearly half of the state's 247 remote communities and said it was not unreasonable if the cost of providing services like schools outweighed the benefits.

Apr 10—France: Pheasants Freed

Anonymous individuals in Alsace, France, destroyed two pheasant farms, releasing between thirty and forty birds and demolishing transformers for the electrified cages.

Apr 11—Scotland: ELF Sabotages Construction Vehicle

An anonymous ELF statement read: "I attacked a construction vehicle in a secluded area of the center during the early hours by cutting out its cables and thus causing damage. [...] [These machines] are always a target for me because [they are] used for maintaining the 'recreational areas' of the urban cemeteries that imitate 'nature,' offering a completely alienating concept of the physical world and other forms of life. [...] I will always attack the idols and values of this world and their morality."

Apr 12—Canada: Act on Climate Change Draws 25,000 to Quebec Streets

Almost half of all First Nations in Quebec will be impacted by the proposed Energy East pipeline, which will carry 1.1 million barrels of crude oil

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Apr 12—Cambodia: Fishermen Drive Out Sand Dredgers

About 70 residents of Koh Kong province chased away International Rainbow Company's sand-dredging barges that they accused of operating illegally and damaging vital fishing grounds around Koh Kapi island.

Residents tied motorboats to twelve barges and about eight sand transport boats that were at work near the island until the crews agreed to drive away. The villagers continued tying their boats to offending vessels until the dredgers all left the area.

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extraction that is fueling social and ecological violence and climate change." The CEO of NG Advantage, the gas distributor whose truck was halted by the lockdown, expressed confusion over the choice to block a fracked gas truck, but the activists maintain that natural gas extraction is just as destructive to the climate and to living organisms as oil. There can be no compromise in defense of Mother Earth.

One organizer, Molly Stuart of Burlington, Vermont, declared, "We're saying 'no' to using the Champlain Valley as an energy corridor. The transportation of fossil fuels is volatile and dangerous whether it's by pipeline, train, or truck. Extreme energy extraction is destructive in all stages, and we are taking action to denounce the ongoing colonization of First Nations territory in so-called Alberta, and the continued and ever-expanding reliance on fossil fuels."

The songs, chants, and cheers of the day continued as Gabriel and three members of the support team were arrested around 2:00 pm.

Meanwhile, in Williston, Vermont, about 30 protesters stopped work at a Vermont Gas Systems construction site. The protesters arrived as a "deconstruction team" complete with bright vests and a marching band. They carried construction style signs with messages like "Deconstruction in Progress," "Area Closed," and "Expect Eternal Delays."

Two activists used a straight lockbox to attach themselves to a ditch digging machine that was laying pipe under the highway, while a third locked their neck to one of the activist's ankles to make the extraction process more difficult. All three were arrested, as was a support person who refused to leave the site, though he said he would leave voluntarily once the lockdowners had been extracted safely. The action lasted for two hours, but workers were sent home during the action, ending work for the day.

Community members have been protesting the site of Vermont Gas's Addison Natural Gas Project since 2012. The multi-phase expansion project would have brought gas under Lake Champlain to the International Paper (IP) mill in Ticonderoga were it not for the successful grassroots campaign that forced IP to withdraw from the project. This has thrown the first phase of the project back into regulatory review and uncertainty.

Two Vermonters lock to a ditch witch, stopping work at a VGS pipeline construction site.

All nine of the people arrested over the course of the day were released quickly with minor charges.

In the third action against fossil fuels, more than a hundred people converged in Ticonderoga, New York, for a boat flotilla, a rally, and a symbolic blockade.

Tens of millions of gallons of fracked oil are transported along Lake Champlain annually, and the boat flotilla sought to draw attention to the damage a spill could do to the water. The flotilla was followed by a rally that included speeches by local environmental groups as well as energetic performances by Bread and Puppet Theater. The rally then marched to a nearby train station where the protesters occupied the tracks for 47 minutes in memory of the 47 lives lost in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec. On the tracks, moments of silence and remembrance were balanced with marching band music and lively singing.

Earth First!ers are committed to fighting fracked gas and oil infrastructure at every turn. The range of actions over the day showed that even in the face of destruction and pain, there is still much to celebrate. There is joy to be found in standing strong with one another, spending a week in the woods, a day on the water, or a morning getting in the way of dirty energy. As resistance continues, the resolve to fight with both rage and love will only continue to grow.

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Activists and local community members sit on train tracks in Ticonderoga, NY, for 47 minutes.

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per day from Alberta and Saskatchewan to refineries in Quebec City and Saint John, New Brunswick. People from BC, Ontario, New Brunswick, and all over Canada attended the rally, demanding that premiers act on climate change.

Apr 12—Athens: ELF Arson Attack Against Poultry Company

The entrance to a poultry company and three company vehicles were firebombed in solidarity with hunger strikers in Greek prisons. The ELF targeted the poultry company to demonstrate connections between human oppression in prisons and non-human animal oppression in the meat industry.

Apr 13—Italy: Agricultural Research Institute Vandalized

An ALF cell targeted an IZS (Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale) laboratory in Savona, Italy, re-painting windows and walls and leaving messages such as "IZS = DEATH," "free the animals," "stop vivisection," and "murderers." An anonymous statement read, in part: "Turn off the computer, get out of the house and act for animal liberation tonight. Resignation is complicity."

Apr 14—India: Dam Blockade Strengthens in Face of Police Violence

Hundreds of demonstrators from at least three villages blocked a road leading to the controversial Kanhar dam in Amwar to prevent trucks from beginning construction. Police fired on the crowd, leaving one person near death and at least eleven gravely injured. Local activists estimate the project will affect at least 80 villages in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, and Uttar Pradesh. The blockade has grown to upwards of 700 people as news of the shooting spreads.

Apr 15—Canada: Nicola Valley First Nation Chiefs Occupy Premier's Office to Protest Biowaste

Chiefs representing the Upper Nicola, Nooaitch, Lower Nicola, Shackan, and Coldwater Indian bands staged a sit-in in protest of the trucking of sewage sludge from the Central Okanagan to land near Merritt in British Columbia. The group's press release stated, in part: "The biowaste operations affect our aboriginal title and rights. The province of British Columbia is obligated to consult and accommodate us in relation to the impacts of biowaste operations on our rights and title. [...] We are unified in our mission to stop this toxic waste coming into the Nicola Valley area."

Apr 15—Six Arrested Occupying BP Headquarters in TX

Gulf Coast residents staged a sit-in at British Petroleum's Houston office just before the fifth anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill that killed eleven workers and spewed 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. Activists unfurled a banner that read "NEVER AGAIN: No Sacrifice Zones."

Late Apr—England: Hens Liberated and Re-homed

According to an anonymous statement, 67 hens were liberated from an intensive farm unit in the south of England: "[A]ll hens have new homes [where] they can live out the rest of their lives free from fear and suffering. This raid is dedicated to the memory of our good friend and comrade Gilly Peachey, a great fighter for animal liberation. Until all are free."

Apr 22—Nineteen Arrested Protesting Gas Project in NY

A human blockade at both of the gated entrances of Crestwood Midstream prevented traffic from entering or leaving the gates. Those arrested were charged with trespassing and released. Crestwood's methane gas storage expansion project was approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission last October in the face of broad public opposition and unresolved questions about geological instabilities, fault lines, and possible salinization of Seneca Lake, which serves as a source of drinking water for 100,000 people.

Apr 23—UK: Protesters Lock Down at Fracking Site

Four people were arrested after chaining themselves to security fences around the well heads at a fracking site in Penketh. The activists were raising awareness about IGas, the energy company that runs the site.

Apr 25—Kenya: Protesters Fight Destruction of Native Forest

Protesters threatened to set alight any vehicle caught transporting timber from their forests. Some allege that merchants smuggle endangered red cedar products to the coastal port of Mombasa for shipping to Saudi Arabia, where they are sold at high prices. "People here are ready to take up spears and machetes to guard the forest," said Mark Loloolki, Lpartuk Ranch chairman. "They have been provoked by outsiders who are out to wipe out our indigenous forest to the last bit."

Apr 26—Five Hundred March in Protest of New Animal Testing Lab in WA

Animal rights supporters marched across the University of Washington campus, temporarily blocking neighborhood streets to protest construction of a $124 million underground animal research lab. After the demonstration, about 100 people assembled outside the home of Patrick Shanahan, Vice Chair for the UW Board of Regents, screaming chants and holding signs in a gauntlet of condemnation as he pulled into the driveway.

Apr 27—Anti-Pipeline Protesters Take Over Spectra Office in MA

People from across the Northeast converged and took over Spectra Energy's office in Waltham. A "Final Notice" was delivered to Spectra, letting them know that they have 40 days to cancel their Northeast fracked-gas pipeline expansion project or face escalated resistance.

Apr 29—France: Scientists Chased Out of the ZAD

A dozen masked individuals chased off three biologists conducting research in Vigneux-de-Bretagne for the Notre-Dame-des-Landes airport project. The scientists' vehicles also had their windows broken and tires punctured.

Apr 29—Palestine: Anti-Pollution Protest Attacked by Israeli Soldiers

Around fifty Palestinians and international activists gathered in Tulkarem to protest the presence of eleven Israeli chemical plants. They carried signs demanding a clean environment and an end to the Israeli occupation. Israeli soldiers deployed to guard the plant quickly responded with stun grenades and tear gas. The air in Tulkarem has been found to contain alarmingly high rates of monoxide and toxic substances, and an estimated 300,000 square meters of agricultural land has been contaminated by emissions from the factories.

Throughout Apr—Finland: Occupation Defends Forest from Construction of Nuclear Power Plant

An action camp on the Hanhikivi Peninsula in northwest Finland aims to stop Fennovoima Energy Company's proposed nuclear power plant in Pyhäjoki. Activists have risked their lives to save the forest, occupying trees, blocking roads, locking down to machinery, sabotaging equipment, and running in front of fast-moving vehicles to stop the destruction.

Late Apr—UK: Fracking Proponent MP Charlotte Leslie Gets Home Visit

Less than a week before the British regime's elections, people targeted Tory parliamentary candidate Charlotte Leslie's family home, scratching cars and spray painting "Tory Scum" and other slogans. The "politician" had directed a media and police repression campaign against anarchists in the area leading up to the attack.

May 1—Italy: Anti-Expo Riots Flood Streets

Violent clashes between Italian police and protesters disrupted the opening of the Milan Expo, a technological fair. Police fired tear gas and used water cannons in an effort to disperse the rioters, who had broken away form a larger anti-globalization protest.

May 6—Chile: FAI-IRF Claim Incendiary Attack Against Chilectra Power Substation

A timed incendiary device containing 1.2 liters of gasoline and 400 grams of polystyrene was placed in a room inside the substation in Santiago. Activation occurred several hours later. The communiqué released by Grupo Kapibara states that the action was carried out in order to strike a destructive blow against the techno-industrial system in defense of Mother Earth.

May 7—Mothers and Grandmothers Blockade Crestwood Midstream in NY

Sixteen women from six Finger Lakes-area counties created a human blockade at both gated entrances of energy corporation Crestwood Midstream's offices. Protesters stopped traffic, holding banners that said "Honoring Mother Earth" and "Mothers Against Crestwood: Because I Said So, That's Why." The We Are Seneca Lake

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sHELL No!

After a Shell oil rig on its way to drilling in the arctic stopped illegally in Seattle, WA, activists responded with ongoing direct actions.

May 12—Tripod Blocks Shell's Operations

Days after the Foss Maritime announced that they intended to defy Seattle Mayor and illegally host Shell's Arctic drilling fleet, Seattle activists blockaded Shell's Seattle fuel transfer station by erecting a tripod.

May 16—100 Kayaks Say sHELL No! in Seattle

Environmental activists launched kayaks and boats in Elliott Bay for another protest over Shell's Arctic oil drilling rig. Kayaks and other boats made their way to a drill rig called the Polar Pioneer as police and the Coast Guard looked on. The kayaktivists want to make their message clear: the rig isn't welcome and Shell Oil has no business drilling in the Arctic.

May 22—Two Activists Lock Down to Shell Barge in Bellingham

Bellingham Rising Tide members boarded and locked down to the anchor chain of the Arctic Challenger to prevent its passage to the Chuckchi Sea northwest of Alaska for oil drilling blowout backup. The Coast Guard detained a rally of support vessels helping the chained activists.

June 9—Protesters Blockade All Entrances to Port of Seattle Terminal 5

The blockade included two pairs of Raging Grannies locked together using a lockbox, a team locked in and lying down across an entrance, another sitting with their arms locked in oil barrels, and one person locked to a car.

June 12—Anchor Down Bellingham! Rising Tide Halts Shell Support Vessel

Two Bellingham community members climbed and strapped themselves to the anchor chain of the American Trader, a Shell support vessel in Bellingham. One stayed the whole weekend, the other joined for a day and overnight. The action was followed by a rally at nearby Glass Beach.

June 15—sHell No Protestors Block Arctic Drilling Rig from Leaving Seattle

Greenpeace "kayaktivists" paddled out to stop the Polar Pioneer at around 4:00am local time with 40 to 50 supporters in kayaks and canoes lined up behind the blockade. Ten Greenpeace protesters were arrested, along with Seattle City Councilmember Mike O'Brien.

From the Cages: Eco-Prisoners, Snared Liberationists, and Hostages of the Struggle

This information is compiled by the joint effort of the EF! Prisoner Support Project and the EF! Journal *Collective. A broader list of prisoners from allied struggles, along with our handy updated Informant Tracker service, can be found at* EARTHFIRSTJOURNAL.ORG/PRISONERS. *To get in touch, email* EFPRIS@RISEUP.NET *or write EF!PSP, PO Box 163126, Sacramento, CA 95816.*

US PRISONERS

Abdul Haqq
(Address envelope to Walter Bond)
#37096-013, United States Penitentiary, PO Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959, USA
Serving 12 years (until 03-21-2021) for the "ALF Lonewolf" arsons of the Tandy Leather Factory and the Tiburon Restaurant (which sold foie gras) in Utah, as well as the Sheepskin Factory in Colorado. SUPPORTWALTER.ORG
Birthday: April 16

Katie "Krow" Kloth
Iron County Jail, 300 Taconite Street, Hurley, WI 54534, USA
Krow is an environmental and indigenous rights activist who was convicted of charges stemming from a June 2013 Penokee Defenders protest that disrupted GTAC bore hole drilling at a mine site on the Penokee Range. On January 21, 2015, Krow was sentenced to 9 months (until 11-01-2015) plus 8 years of supervised release.

Marius Mason
(Address envelope to M. Mason)
#04672-061, FMC Carswell, PO Box 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, USA
Serving 21 years and 10 months (until 09-18-2027) for his involvement in an ELF arson at a university building carrying out genetically modified crop tests. Marius also pleaded guilty to conspiring to carry out ELF actions and admitted involvement in 12 other ELF actions. Join the campaign to move Marius from the extreme isolation at FMC Carswell. SUPPORTMARIUSMASON.ORG
Birthday: January 26, 1962

Kevin Olliff
(Address envelope to Kevin Johnson)
#47353-424, MCC Chicago, Metropolitan Correctional Center, 71 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, IL 60605, USA
Kevin (arrested with Tyler Lang, who is out on bail) is an animal liberation activist who completed a 30-month sentence for "possession of burglary tools" on October 21, 2014. He is now awaiting sentencing on November 5, 2015, after pleading guilty to additional charges under the AETA for releasing 2,000 mink and conspiracy to release foxes from fur farms in the Midwest. He is facing up to three years. SUPPORTKEVINANDTYLER.COM
Birthday: March 27

Rebecca Rubin
#98290-011 FCI Dublin, 5701 8th Street – Camp Park, Dublin, CA 94568, USA
Rebecca is serving 5 years (until 04-07-2017) for arson and conspiracy charges stemming from ELF actions that occurred between 1996 and 2001, including the $12 million fire that destroyed a ski resort in Vail, Colorado. She accepted a non-cooperating plea agreement.
Birthday: April 18, 1973

Justin Solondz
#98291-011, FCI Oakdale I, PO Box 5000, Oakdale, LA 71463, USA
Serving 7 years (until 08-31-2017) for a 2001 firebombing of the University of Washington's Center for Urban Horticulture.
Birthday: October 3

Brian Vaillancourt
#M42889, Robinson Correctional, 13423 East 1150th Ave, Robinson, IL 62454 USA
Arrested in Chicago on February 9, 2013, for an alleged attempted arson at a McDonald's. He took a plea deal for 9 years.
Birthday: September 5, 1964

INTERNATIONAL PRISONERS

Marco Camenisch
Strafanstalt Bostadel, Postfach 38, CH-6313 Menzingen, Switzerland
Serving 18 years: 10 for using explosives to destroy electricity pylons leading from nuclear power stations and 8 for the murder of a Swiss Boarder Guard while on the run. In 2002 Marco completed a 12-year sentence for destroying electricity pylons in Italy.
Birthday: January 21

Alfredo Cospito and **Nicola Gai**
Both at: Casa Circondariale Ferrara, Via Arginone 327, IT-44122 Ferrara, Italy
Nicola and Alfredo were arrested on September 14, 2012, for shooting Ansaldo Nucleare manager Roberto Adinolfi in the knee—an action carried out by an Olga/FAI/FRI nucleus on May 7, 2012. In May of 2015 their sentences were reduced, Alfredo's to 9 years and 5 months, Nicola's to 8 years and 8 months.

Karl Häggroth
Box 3112, 200 22 MALMÖ, Sweden
Karl is vegan, straight edge and an anti-racist activist arrested for animal rights actions directed against fur farming. He was sentenced to 2.5 years. Ebba Olausson and Richard Klilnsmeister were imprisoned for related charges, and were released on June 15 and June 17, 2015, respectively.

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Davide Forgione and Paolo Rossi
CC Via Maria Adelaide Aglietta 35, 10151 Turin, Italy
Prisoners of the No TAV Movement, a campaign against the building of the Turin-Lyon highspeed rail link that has been fighting the project for 20+ years. Davide and Paolo were arrested on August 30, 2013, after police stopped their car and found material considered "suspicious" by the state.

Debbie Vincent
A5819DE, HMP and YOI Holloway Parkhurst Road, London N7 0NU, UK
Debbie was sentenced to 6 years in prison for campaigning against Huntingdon Life Sciences, Europe's largest animal testing corporation.

RELEASES!

Adriano Antonacci was released on May 22, and **Gianluca Iacovacci** was transferred to house arrest on June 15. Adriano and Gianluca were arrested in September of 2013 by the special operation department units of the Italian police. They were accused of thirteen attacks against banks, a fur outlet, and a landfill project, each carried out by different cells, including the ALF, Direct Action for the Defense of the Earth, and the Informal Anarchist Federation - International Revolutionary Front.

Lucio Alberti, Graziano Mazzarelli, and **Francesco Sala** were all transferred to house arrest on May 27. They were arrested on July 11, 2014, in connection with an action at a construction site for the Turin-Lyon high-speed railway (TAV) that is slated to connect Italy and France.

Ebba Olausson and **Richard Klinsmeister** were released on June 15 and 17, respectively. They had been imprisoned in Sweden for actions against fur farms. Richard put out a message on social media a few days after his release:

"Freedom! I want to thank everyone of you for your loving support. It means everything for me. Keep fighting for the animals. Its always worth it! Sincerely / Richard Klinsmeister."

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movement has been blocking the gas storage facility gates since October 23.

May 7-8—Labor and Eco Activists Blockade Arc Logistics Terminal in OR

A Laborers International Union of North America member locked to a barrel to draw a connection between fossil fuel exports and trade agreements like the Trans Pacific Partnership, and to call for an end to both. Portland Rising Tide supported the action. Police cut the protester out the next morning.

May 8—Ireland: Lobsters Liberated from Restaurant Tank

A group of about 11 animal rights activists liberated nine lobsters by walking into a Dublin restaurant and pinching them from a fish tank. Three or four activists clawed the cover from the fish tank and placed the lobsters in plastic bags while the others distracted restaurant staff. The lobsters were released into the ocean.

May 10—Peru: 35 Injured on Day 42 of Protest Against Mining Project

Twenty civilians and 15 police officers were injured after authorities attempted to clear roads blocked in opposition to the Southern Copper Corporation's Tia Maria mine. The majority of the protesters were local farm workers from the Arequipa region who want to prevent environmental damages that hinder agriculture. With a total of 3,000 police officers deployed and locals continuing to mobilize, the clashes will likely continue.

May 13—Netherlands: GroenFront! Occupies Coal Plant Conveyor Belt

Team Coal Busters kicked off the Climate Games by halting a belt at the Nuon/Vattenfall-owned coal fired power plant, and dropping a banner that said "STOP COAL" from the 45-foot-tall structure. The group declared their opposition to the large-scale use and import of coal in the harbor of Amsterdam. The Climate Games are being organized for the second time by GroenFront!, a Dutch branch of Earth First!.

May 13—South Africa: Protester Shot Dead in Third Day of Unrest at Platinum Mine

Clashes between police and protesters near Atlatsa Resources' Bokoni platinum mine left one person dead and another seriously injured. Locals claim the company offered millions to the community in exchange for mining rights eight years ago, but haven't paid anything. The protests began when people blocked a road leading to the mine and burned tires, preventing employees from getting to work. There was also damage to the timber storage yard and to communication infrastructure.

May 14—Chile: Two Arson Attacks on Logging Trucks

In the first incident, rebels set fire to a shed containing logging equipment. Guards confronted the arsonists, and shots were fired. The fire destroyed a tractor and an excavator. In the second incident, close to 20 armed hooded folks forced out truck drivers, and three logging trucks and a pedestrian lookout post were burned down.

May 21—Dam Destroyed in CA

The Alameda Creek Dam in Freemont was destroyed during the night by unknown individuals. The inflatable dam held back approximately 50 million gallons of drinking water, which flowed into the San Francisco Bay after the incident.

May 23—Thousands Worldwide March Against Monsanto and GM Crops

Thousands of people hit the streets

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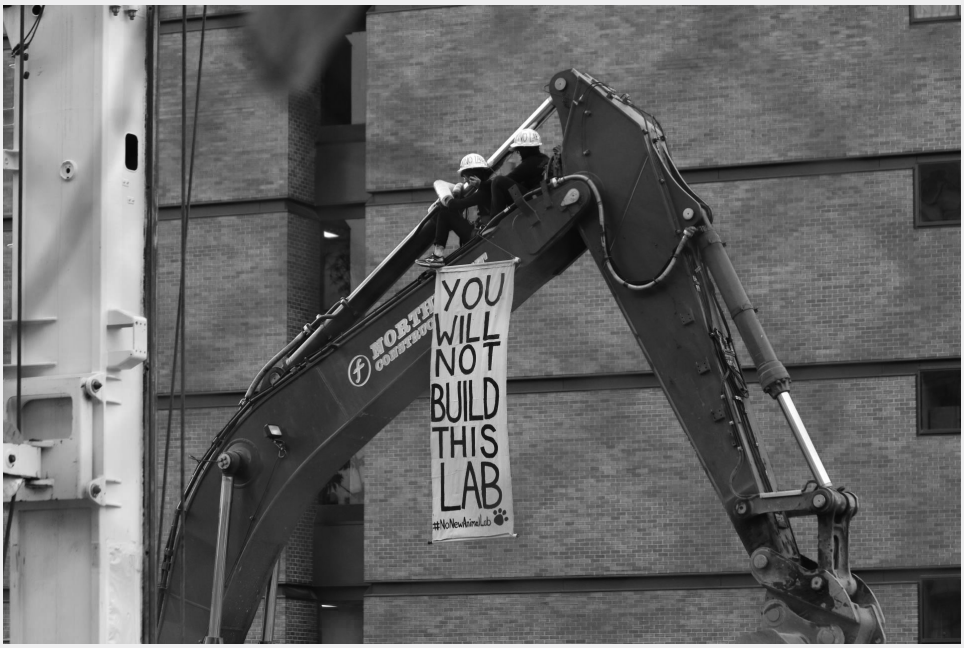
May 19—FANG Treesit Halts Construction of Spectra Pipeline in RI

Fighting Against Natural Gas set up a treesit near a compressor station in Burrillville to prevent construction of Spectra's fracked gas pipeline expansion. Police arrived with K-9 units and used chainsaws and bucket trucks to remove the sit.

June 1—Lockdown Halts Construction of Animal Laboratory in WA



An activist with the No New Animal Lab Campaign locked to the top of an excavator at the site of the proposed Animal Research and Care Facility at the University of Washington. They dropped a banner that read: "You will not build this lab." The lockdown lasted 12 hours, and resulted in two arrests. If built, the underground lab will expand the number of animals the university can use and kill in research by thousands.

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in cities across the world to protest genetically modified crops and pesticides. The third annual March Against Monsanto was held in upwards of 400 cities in more than 40 countries from the Americas to Africa and Europe.

May 25—Italy: Incendiary Sabotage Against TAV Engineering Company

From a communiqué: "[T]he offices of Italferr located in Via Torcello [...] were deliberately set on fire. This company is the engineering branch that deals with research and development for the Italian national railway company, and is particularly involved in studies for the development of the high speed rail (TAV) between Turin and Padua. The fire was started by pouring inflammable liquid through a previously broken window, then lighting it with a smoke bomb. Within minutes, the fire had devoured the furniture, computers and all the paperwork piled there by hardworking engineers."

May 25—Peru: Mining Worker Killed in Marcona Protests

Luis Quispe Chumbi was shot and killed by police during a strike against the Shougang mining project—an operation that has led to unemployment and electricity and water shortages within the area. Radio Bomba Peru reported that over 200 locals were also seriously injured during the clashes. Video uploaded to the Cadena Sur Marcona Facebook page shows further police abuses against citizens as police fired tear gas into private homes.

May 26—Gas Export Opponents in NY Blockade FERC

More than 80 activists blocked the doors and streets in front of and behind the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, preventing employees from entering the building for a few hours. They also blockaded North Capitol Street directly behind the agency by erecting an 18-foot metal tripod from which a woman was suspended by a climbing harness. They held large banners saying, "Stop Fracking #Exports" and "The United States of Fracking."

May 27—Disruption at MI Policy Conference Calls Attention to Aging Pipeline

Three MICATS organizers disrupted Governor Rick Snyder as he gave his

opening address, and one individual unfurled a banner that read: "Keep Michigan Pure! Shut down Line 5!" Others chanted and held signs saying "Protect the Great Lakes—Shut Down Line 5!" Line 5 is a 62-year-old crude oil pipeline with a history of leaks owned and operated by Enbridge, which passes from Michigan's Upper Peninsula into lower Michigan directly through the pristine freshwaters of the Straits of Mackinac.

May 27—Brazil: ALF Liberates Rabbits

According to an anonymous report, the ALF rescued rabbits from one of the largest suppliers of animals for laboratories in Brazil.

May 30—Canada: Captive Mink Liberated by ALF

The communiqué reads in full: "As many as 1,600 mink were released from cages at the Glenwood Fur Farm (4216 Perth Line 9) in St. Marys, Ontario late on May 30. According to media reports, fencing that surrounds the farm was cut and a gate opened. Animals in two sheds were released, and breeding cards removed."

May 30—Kayak Protest Launched Against Navy Plans in AK

Tribal leaders and commercial fishermen protested military exercises planned for the Gulf of Alaska, saying they're concerned about damage to salmon, crabs, and other marine life. Dozens of fishing boats and kayaks set out on the Port of Kodiak while protesters set off smoke bombs and flares.

June 1—England: Eighteen Actions Against Fossil Fuel Industry

Reclaim the Power's day of action against fossil fuels involved many actions that connected the dots between energy firms, government ministers, public relations companies, the fracking industry, and more. There were blockades at the offices of Npower, Invesco, Media Zoo, Energy UK, RWE, and Cuadrilla. There were also protests against the Department for Energy and Climate Change, Carmargue Public Relations, British Gas, the National Gallery, Boomeco, London City Hall, Edelman Public Relations, Imperial College's Department of Mining, and the Didcot B power station. Other actions included subvertizing in Oxford, a love-in at the Oxfordshire Conservative Party headquarters, and delegates at the World Coal Association Conference being locked out of the Institute of Directors.

June 2—Guatemala: Anti-Mining Blockade Evicted

Over 300 security forces forcibly evicted the blockade in the community of La Puya, Guatemala, removing barricades and protest signs that had cut off vehicular traffic to the mine's entrance. The community has been resisting the US-owned EL Tambor gold mine project for over three years. Led by women and indigenous people, the movement has stopped the work of at least three transnational mining companies and caused $3 million in losses for extraction corporations. Community representatives say that the eviction was illegal.

June 6—Germany: Giant Coal Excavator Occupied

Four activists climbed to the top a giant excavator in the Inden open caste lignite mine, occupying a bucket wheel over 220 feet in the air. The action was part of the ongoing Hambach Forest occupation, which is fighting for the preservation of the ancient forest and an end to the lignite mine that has desecrated the landscape. The activists said that this action was not an appeal to politicians, but part of a responsibility to decompose the system of industrial destruction and replace it with something better.

June 8—Finland: Sabotage at Fennovoima's Nuclear Power Plant Construction Site

Cables, wires and windows of a digger were cut and smashed by anonymous individuals. The conscious act of sabotage was in solidarity with the protest camp of Hanhikivi Cape and locals resisting forced expropriation.

June 6—Mexico: Attack Against Ministry of Agrarian Territorial and Urban Development

A group of self-proclaimed insurrectionary anarchist feminist witches, part of the Informal Feminist Commandos of Anti-authoritarian Action (COFIAA), detonated an explosive device that was placed inside the ministry's offices, destroying the glass front of the building. The group carried out the action because the ministry "has been responsible for putting an official stamp on the turning of nature and the earth into commodities and of normalizing the dispossession and violence that the state uses in [its] accumulation of capital."

June 7—Canada: ALF Torches Harlan Laboratory Trucks

The incendiary devices were planted under trucks in Ontario belonging to the Huntingdon Life Sciences-owned Harlan Laboratories, which is responsible for supplying research animals and animal feed to vivisectionists. The action aimed to eliminate the company's means of transportation, disrupt the systematic torture and murder of innocent animals, and cause as much monetary damage as possible. One truck was damaged, the other completely destroyed.

June 10—France: Arson Against Prisons and Development of ZAD

Activists ignited ten trucks and three sheds belonging to a subsidiary company of the Vinci multinational,

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Residents Use Direct Action to Defend Fracking Ban in Denton, TX

Denton residents jumped into action after the passage of HB40, a state bill that stripped local control of fracking from all cities across Texas. The previous November nearly 60% of residents voted for or an ordinance banning fracking, but shortly after HB40 was signed, Colorado-based Vantage Energy announced that it would resume fracking operations in Denton on June 1, at a site located directly across the street from a neighborhood and several businesses. Community members responded by enforcing the ban themselves.

June 1—Three Arrested Blocking Vantage Energy Gates

Local community members and volunteers with Frack Free Denton blocked the gates Vantage Energy's newest well pad. One banner at the blockade quoted the town's anti-fracking ordinance: "Sec.14.201 Prohibition of Hydraulic Fracturing. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in hydraulic fracturing within the corporate limits of the City."

June 16—Ninety-Two-Year-Old Great-Grandmother and Son Block Fracking Operation

The two seated themselves in front of fracking trucks attempting to enter Vantage Energy's urban fracking site and were later arrested.

June 19—Mother Halts Fracking Truck

Local Denton mother Meredith Buie was arrested for sitting down in front of a fracking truck attempting to enter a Vantage Energy well site. She was the 10th community member arrested for protesting the site.

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which is involved in the construction of prisons and the development of the Notre-Dame-des-Landes airport (site of a ZAD). The damage is estimated to be over one million dollars, not counting the long delays at the construction sites.

June 11—Belgium: Arson Against "Green" Technology

During the night between Thursday, June 11, and Friday, June 12, a fire raged at the site of Greenbizz, a business center for the so-called "green technology" sector. Serious damage was inflicted and firefighters spent all Friday on the site. The business project, funded by the EU and carried out by BAM construction company, notorious prison builder, will likely be delayed.

June 11—USA: Crayfish Liberated from Seafood Market

The liberation, which was carried out in solidarity with long-term eco-prisoner Marius Mason, occurred in broad daylight, and the crayfish were quickly released back into the waters from which they were originally captured. From the communiqué: "If you can 'liberate' a tofurky from Whole Foods, then you can liberate actual animals from places of violence and exploitation."

Early June—Argentina: Rabbits Liberated from Breeder

From the communiqué: "When I saw those cages, from that moment my mind was imprisoned within them like the rabbits they confined. […] Therefore we visited the place where the rabbits were bred to be murdered, and emptied each of the cages where more than one rabbit lived in each, and then those animals deprived of their liberty were free for the first time. […] Redundantly, this action is dedicated to them."

June 13—Nicaragua: Over 10,000 Protest Chinese Canal Project

The $50 billion canal would displace families, disrupt farming livelihood, and possibly damage Lake Nicaragua, the area's source of fresh water. Demonstrators painted on the walls and public buildings and shouted "traitor" to Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, while some burned the flags of the ruling party.

Mid June—Coal Derailment in MO in Solidarity with Imprisoned Anarchists

Thirty-one coal cars derailed in a stretch of the Mace Creek region of northwest Missouri after anarchists weakened multiple spots on the tracks. BNSF Railway spokespeople said that part of the track was removed, which impacted rail traffic for days. Activists declared, "We do this in solidarity with all prisoners and in defense of the stolen resources of this planet used to kill us."

June 18—Lockdown Halts VGS Pipeline Construction in VT

Activist Johanna Anderson, who locked herself to VGS machinery, stated, "For almost three years, we've seen state agencies and Vermont Gas ignore the concerns of landowners, ratepayers and the public. We're here today to stop construction of a pipeline that has little public support and extreme regulatory uncertainty."

Mid June—Venezuela: Tribes Take Action Against Violent Mining Gangs

Indigenous protesters blocked the landing strip of Canaima National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in protest of illegal miners destroying their lives and lands. An Arekuna spokesperson told Survival International, the global movement for tribal peoples' rights, "Mining is a huge problem in our indigenous territories. The miners are extracting the riches of our land and the earth is crying out for help. Our rivers are drying up because of the mining. We must look after nature; if we don't, the whole planet will suffer."

June 18—FL Developer's Driveway Blockaded to Protest Deforestation

A slash pile was used to block the driveway to the beachfront mansion of Bobby Julien, CEO of Kolter Group. Kolter Group began destruction of the Briger forest last fall. A banner was held reading "Bring the Destruction to Their Homes."

June 22— China: Thousands Protest PX Chemical Plant

Protesters took over the streets chanting and holding banners reading, "PX Get out of Jinshan." PX (paraxylene) is a flammable chemical used in polyester and plastics manufacturing and is a major contributor to air pollution.

June 24—Indigenous Blockade Halts Construction of Massive Telescope in HI

Hundreds of protesters met construction crews for the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) roughly 300 yards up Mauna Kea. Eleven people were arrested. During the protest, a number of rocks were placed in the middle of the road. Mauna Kea Access Road was closed until the rocks could be removed. Later in the day, TMT workers stopped trying to get to the summit.

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Mid June—Panama: Indigenous Activists Block Entry to Barro Blanco Hydro Dam

A 30-strong group of Ngäbe blocked the entrance to the Barro Blanco hydroelectric dam in western Panama, preventing workers from entering the site. The dam is set to flood a string of Ngäbe and campesino communities, all of whom have objected for the damage that would be done to ancestral petroglyphs, agricultural grounds, and cultural centers, as well as to the river's marine life. None of the communities along the Tabasará River have provided their free, informed, and prior consent to the dam.

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TWAC (Trans and/or Women's Action Camp)
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FANG (Fighting Against Natural Gas)
FANGTOGETHER.ORG

ARIZONA

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